## LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2014 OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2014 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, VICE CHAIR CLYDE HOLLOWAY, COMMISSIONERS FOSTER CAMPBELL, LAMBERT BOISSIERE, SCOTT ANGELLE and EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EVE KAHAO GONZALEZ.

Open Session of May 7, 2014, convening at 9:14 A.M. and adjourning at 2:15P.M., Bossier City Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.

Ex. 1	Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.  Announcements.
	Commissioner Campbell introduced elected officials of Bossier City.
	Commissioners individually and collectively thanked the Mayor for hosting the Commission's May B & E.
	Commissioner Holloway announced that the Natural Gas Hedging Technical Conference scheduled for May 22, 2014 has been tentatively rescheduled to May 23, 2014 (subject to verification from staff) due to conflict with a MISO Transmission meeting in New Orleans on May 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Ex. 2	<b>T-33076</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Gottson Oil, Inc. (Jennings, Louisiana). In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 45:161 through 180.1 as amended, by operating beyond the scope of authority granted in LPSC 6974 on one count; allegedly occurring on or about July 21, 2013.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on settlement agreement pursuant to Rule 57.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.
	On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the settlement and fine agreed to by Staff and Gottson Oil.
Ex. 3	<b>T-33108</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Alliance Oilfield Services, LLC (Jennings, Louisiana). In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 45:161 through 180.1 as amended; by operating Intrastate without LPSC authority on (3) three counts; allegedly occurring on or about July 27, 2013 through July 31, 2013.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on settlement agreement pursuant to Rule 57.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.
	On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the settlement and fine agreed to by Staff and Alliance Oilfield Services, LLC.
Ex. 4	U-33063 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation ("DEMCO"), ex parte. In re: 2013 Formula Rate Plan Annual Report and Application for Extension of Formula Rate Plan with Modifications.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report of Proceedings and Draft Order regarding 2013 FRP Annual Report.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation and accept the report and draft order as filed into the record on April 24, 2014.
	adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation and accept the report an

Ex. 5	U-33125 - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Test Year 2013 Rate Stabilization Plan Filing for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report of Proceedings and Draft Order regarding 2013 RSP Proceedings.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation and accept the report and draft order as filed into the record on April 24, 2014.
Ex. 6	U-32707 - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C, ex parte. In re: Application for Authority to Change Rates, Approval of Formula Rate Plan and for Related Relief.
	U-32708 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Authority to Change Rates, Approval of Formula Rate Plan and for Related Relief.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote to approve The Sisung Group's request for expansion of scope and extension of budget.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to expand the scope of work for Stone Pigman and The Sisung Group and authorize additional budget for The Sisung Group in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for services and \$2,500 in expenses.
Ex. 7	U-32845 - Green Acres Water & Sewer District No. 1, ex parte. In re: Request for an increase in water and wastewater rates.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on stipulated agreement.
	On motion of Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the unopposed stipulated settlement agreement filed into the record on the March 21, 2014 and entered into the record at the April 3, 2014 hearing of this matter.
Ex. 8	U-32848 - Louisiana Water Service, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for an Increase and Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utilities Services Sold by Louisiana Water Service, Inc. within St. Tammany Parish.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on stipulated agreement.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the revised unopposed stipulated settlement agreement entered into the record at the April 22, 2014 hearing of this matter.
Ex. 9	U-33120 - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: 2013 Formula Rate Plan Annual Report filing.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Motion for Entry of Order Accepting Uncontested Joint Report.
	On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the report and draft order as filed into the record on April 25, 2014.
Ex. 10	<b>U-32220</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for extension of Formula Rate Plan.
	In re: Discussion and Possible Vote pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission's Rules of Practices and Procedures to Accept Proposed Uncontested Stipulated Settlement as to Vegetation Management Pursuant to Service Quality Improvement Program Renewal.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.
	On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve and adopt the April 25, 2014 Proposed Uncontested

	Stipulated Settlement as to Vegetation Management Pursuant to Service Quality Improvement Program Renewal entered into between Staff and SWEPCO.
Ex. 11	U-33122 - South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA), ex parte. In re: 2014 Annual Report for Test Year ending November 2013.
	<b>U-33191</b> - South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA), ex parte. In re: Petition for Approval of Storm Rate Rider Relative to Regulatory Assets.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to hire Henderson Ridge Consulting to assist the Commission for a budget of \$22,500 in fees, \$3000 in expenses, for a total budget not to exceed \$25,500.
Ex. 12	S-33195 - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation requesting approval to abandon natural gas distribution facilities and services to certain customers located in Webster and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Proposed Order.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Proposed Order issued May 5, 2014.
Ex. 13	U-33196 - Cleco Power LLC and Southwestern Electric Power Company. In re: Application for Certification of the Messick-Layfield Transmission Project in Accordance with Commission General Order (Docket No. R-26018) dated October 10, 2013.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to hire J. Kennedy and Associates to assist the Commission for a budget \$32,900 in fees, \$1,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$34,400.
Ex. 14	S-32804 - Archibald Water System, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for an Increase in Water Rates (Non-Profit System).
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Request for Increase in Rates.
	PASSED
Ex. 15	<b>S-33050</b> - Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non Opposition to loan and grant from USDA.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote on Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to borrow funds.
	On motion of Commissioner Boissiere, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation based on the terms and conditions stated in Staff's Audit Report dated April 14, 2014.
Ex. 16	X-33192 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Examination of the Comprehensive Costs and Benefits of Net Metering in Louisiana.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.
	On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, with Commissioner Campbell opposing, Commissioner Boissiere abstaining and Commissioner Angelle concurring, the Commission voted to hire Acadian Consulting Group to assist the Commission for budget of \$68,680 in fees, \$276 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$68,956.
	Commissioner Boissiere had offered a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to hire Exeter Associates. The substitute motion failed by a 3:2 vote.

Ex. 17	LPSC, ex parte. In re: Establishment of Commission Approved and Supervised Energy Efficiency Programs.
	In re: Discussion and possible vote to approve resolution regarding NERL pilot program.
	PASSED
Ex. 18	1) Reports  Report from Entergy on Baton Rouge Power Outage  Dennis Dawsey and Karen Freese gave a report on the Baton Rouge power outage which occurred on April 23, 2014.Commissioner Angelle asked Entergy to follow up with him to address whether Entergy could assign someone to report to homeland security, law enforcement, the appropriate parish president and possibly others prior to curtailing electricity in the future.
	<ul> <li>2) Resolutions</li> <li>3) Discussions – Public Comment Regarding: <ul> <li>A. Prison Phones</li> <li>B. Energy Efficiency</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	4) ERSC/OMS Business On motion of Commissioner Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Skrmetta's votes taken at the April 17, 2014, Meeting of the OMS Board of Directors.
	5) Directives Angelle asked Staff, in connection with the discussion regarding Ex. 16, to look at how other state agencies perform post work product review of outside consultants to determine how that information might be gathered and made public for future decisions.
Ex. 19	Discussion regarding American Midstream's proposed abandonment of the Midla pipeline, FERC dockets CP14-125 and CP14-126.
	At the request of Commissioner Campbell.
	Presentation by Matt Roland, CEO of IDA.
	Commissioner Skrmetta asked staff to arrange a meeting and/or technical conference in Baton Rouge and invite mayors and all involved.

On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next Business and Executive Session will be held Wednesday June 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.